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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/625,843	Applicant(s) SENDA ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1,4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Koyama et al., (US 20020021274 A1).

As per claim Koyama discloses a display device having a plurality of pixels (In fig.1), each of the pixels having a serial to parallel converter (as best understood from the applicant specification and drawing which state the data being serially send and converted to parallel in fact it does not show specifically a d/a converter in fig.1 of the application)(Examiner read in fig.1 data being send on line 101 in fig.1 as serial to the multiple elements 108,109,110 as being parallel received from line 101) a serial digital image supplied serially to the display device to a parallel digital image signal; a DA(In fig.1 element 111 is receiving the parallel data and data being converted to an analog signals) converter converting the parallel digital image signal to an analog image signal and a pixel electrode configured to receive the analog image signal.

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As per claim 4, Koyama discloses area of the capacitance electrodes are weighted to reflect corresponding bits of the parallel digital image signal (In fig.1 element Cs and see section 0097 and 0146).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2,3 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art fails to teach or suggest the display wherein the serial to parallel converter is connected to a drain signal line supplied with the serial digital image signal and comprises a plurality of pixel selecting transistors connected to the drain signal line and plurality of shift registers, each of the shift register supplying a sampling pulse to a gate of the corresponding pixel selecting transistor for sampling the serial digital image signal at a predetermined timing as claimed in claim 2.

The prior art fails to teach or suggest wherein the DA converter having a plurality of capacitor electrodes coupled with the pixel electrode, each of the capacitance electrodes having a weighted capacitance ration to couple with the pixel electrode and a clock supplying portion supplies a periodic clock signal to the capacitor electrodes in response to the parallel digital image signal as claimed in claim 3.

Claims 5-10 are allowed in previous office action.

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Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nitin Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-7677. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin H. Shalwala can be reached on 571-272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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